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River Development Project
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANAGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) the names of rivers included in the river development project of the Union Government, State-wise;
(b) the total amount earmarked and spent so far under the project, river-wise;
(c) the proposed time to complete the project;
(d) whether there is any delay in completion of the project; and
(e) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the steps taken to expedite the same?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION
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(a) to (e) Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (MoEF&CC) has been supplementing the efforts of the State Governments in abatement of pollution in identified stretches of various rivers under the National River Conservation Plan (NRCP) and National Ganga River Basin Authority (NGRBA) programmes respectively, for implementation of projects on a cost sharing basis between the Central and State Governments. NRCP has covered polluted stretches of 31 rivers (excluding Ganga and its tributaries) in 75 towns spread over 14 States at a sanctioned cost of Rs.4517.82 crore. Execution of sanctioned works under NRCP is carried out by the implementing agencies of the State Governments. The State-wise details and names of rivers covered under NRCP are given at Annexure-I. Out of a total 352 schemes sanctioned so far under NRCP (excluding Ganga and its tributaries), 260 schemes have been completed. From 01/08/2014, the works relating to Ganga & its tributaries, including NGRBA programme, have been transferred to Ministry.
The Central Government has introduced Namami Gange programme, an Integrated Ganga Conservation Mission/ Programme under National Ganga River Basin
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Authority (NGRBA) in 2014, to integrate previous and ongoing initiatives by enhancing efficiency, extracting synergies and supplementing them with more comprehensive and better coordinated interventions. Till 30thJune 2016, 97 projects have been sanctioned under Namami Gange programme (including the existing projects sanctioned under NGRBA programme) in 53 towns at an estimated project cost of Rs.8588.21 crores towards cleaning of the river Ganga. Out of these 97 projects, 12 projects have been sanctioned exclusively under new components of Namami Gange programme at a cost of Rs 351.42 Crores. 32 of the 97 projects have been completed. The projects cover Sewerage and Sanitation; River Front Development (RFD); Water Quality Monitoring of river Ganga; Ganga Knowledge Centre; Educating Schools and communities for conserving habitat of Ganga river Dolphin; and "Forestry Intervention for river Ganga". The expenditure incurred on rejuvenation of river Ganga from 2011-12 to 2015-16 is at Annexure-II. State-wise breakup & status of the 86 NGRBA projects on 'Sewerage & Sanitation' and "River Front Development" is at Annexure-III. The Namami Gange programme is scheduled to be completed by 2020. The target for completion of Entry level activities and medium level activities range between 18 months to 48 months.

To ensure timely completion of the schemes, regular review of progress of implementation is carried out by Central Government/State Government officers, including undertaking site visits.

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